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Docket No.: SON-1684/KOI  
(80015-0053)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Norio Nagatsuka

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Application No.: 09/701,254

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Examiner: M. Marc

For: ROBOT DEVICE, CONTROL METHOD FOR  
ROBOT DEVICE, AND PROGRAM  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181  
TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through its undersigned attorney, hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed in the above-identified application on October 19, 2004 as Paper No. 17. The Notice indicates that the above-identified application had become abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on January 9, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is provided along with this petition.

However, a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on January 9, 2004 was timely filed on March 29, 2004 as an Amendment In Response To Non-Final Office Action.

Accordingly, this petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181 is proper.

The Amendment In Response To Non-Final Office Action was accompanied with a postcard receipt. A copy of the Amendment In Response To Non-Final Office Action and the postcard receipt is additionally provided along with this petition.

The postcard receipt bearing the Patent and Trademark Office Stamp provides *prima facie* evidence that the Amendment In Response To Non-Final Office Action had been deposited with the Patent and Trademark Office on March 29, 2004. See M.P.E.P. §503.

Upon this petition and in view of the evidence submitted, it is requested that the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 19, 2004 be withdrawn.

No fee is believed required to support this petition. See 37 C.F.R. §1.181. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any additional costs that may be incurred.

Dated: October 21, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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